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TIT. I.

Concerning Ministers, their Duty and Office.

Section 1.

IS your Minister conformable in his Life and Doctrine to the holy Rule and great Example of our Lord JESUS CHRIST? Or doth he give any just Scandal or Offence, by haunting Taverns, Inns, or Ale-houses, or other suspected Places? Or doth he in any other respect walk unworthy of his holy Vocation and Ministry?

1. *Sober Conversation required in Ministers, Can. 75.*
2. *Constit. Rich. Wethershed Archiepi. Cant. Lynd. K. Edward VI. his Injunct. Sparrow p. 4. 2. Eliz. Injunct. Sparrow 69.*
- Can. Apost. 54. Concil. Carthag. 3um. Can. 27. Concil. Rhemense 2um. 813. Can. 26. De vita & honestate Clericorum, Lyndwood Lib. 3. Tit. 1.*

Section 2.

DOTH your Minister every Lord's Day, instruct the children and Youth of his Parish, in the Church Catechism?
And

And doth he prepare and present them being so instructed to be Confirmed by the Bishop? And doth he endeavour every Year carefully to inform himself of how many *Popish* Rescufants, Men, Women and Children, above the Age of Thirteen Years, are Inhabitants within your Parish, or make their abode there, either as Sojourners or Common Guests? And doth he endeavour to reclaim all Popish Rescufants, and other Sectaries (if any such be inhabiting in your Parish) to the true Religion established in the Church of *England*, and to their bounden Duty in obeying the Laws, and submitting to the Government thereof.

1. *Rubrick at the end of the Church Catechism*, Can. 59.

2. *Rubrick at the end of the Church Catechism*, Can. 60.

61.

3. Can. 66. Can. 114.

Section 3.

W H E T H E R doth he every *Sunday* and *Holy-day* thro' the Year read so much of the *Communion-Service*, as is appointed to be read by the *Book of Common-Prayer*, and at the place appointed, thereby professing his and the Churches readiness, to the more frequent Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, if Communicants were not wanting.

1. *Rubrick after the Communion-Service*.

2. *Rubrick before the Communion-Service*.

Section 4.

D O T H he give notice of *Holy-days*, and *Fasting-days*, of the *Lent-Fast*, and of the *Ember-Weeks*, that the People be minded to pray to such as are to be solemnly called to the Work of the Ministry? Doth he give notice of the Yearly *Preambulation* in *Rogation-Week*, for preserving the Bounds of the Parish, and for desiring God's Blessing upon the Fruits of the Earth? And doth he at certain convenient Places, sing or say, the two Psalms, beginning, *Benedict. anima mea* (i. e. 103, 104.) with the Litany and Suffrages there-

thereunto, with one Homily of Thanksgiving to God, now ready devised and divided into four Parts:

1. Rubrick after the Nicene Creed, Can. 13. 5th. and 6th. of Edward the 6th. chap. 3. Act of Uniformity, 1. Eliz. 1. 14. Car. 2. 2. Eliz. Injunct. 1559.
2. Concerning Days of Fasting, or Abstinence, at the beginning of the Common Prayer-Book, Can. 31. Concil. Agath. C. 15. apud Gratian. Dist. 50. Can. 64. in Capite Concil. Meldense Can 76. Anno 845. Concil. Moguntinum Anno 813. Can. 34. Canones Regis Edgari Anno 967. Spelm. T. 1. p. 460. Leges Regis Canuti C. 16.
3. Q. Eliz. Injunct. 1559. 1564. Concil. Avelianense 1560. Anno 511. Can. 24.

Section 5.

Is the 30th of January, 29th of May, and 5th of November, religiously observed? And does your Minister read the several Acts of Parliament that are enjoined to be read on those Days? Does he likewise read four times in the Year his Majesty's Proclamation against Immorality and Prophaneness, and the Act against Cursing and Swearing? Stat. Will. 3. Chap. 4.

1. An Act Anno 12. Car. 2. for a perpetual Fast on the 30th of January, c. 30.

2. An Act Anno 12. Car. 2. for a perpetual Thanksgiving on the 29th of May, c. 14.

3. An Act Anno 3. Jacob 1. c. 1. for a publick Thanksgiving on the 5th of November.

4. An Act Anno 6. and 7. Guil. 3.

Section 6.

W H E T H E R doth he give Warning publickly in the Church at Morning Prayer, the Sunday before he Administred the Communion (by reading one of the Exhortations in the Book of Common Prayer) for the better Preparation of the Parishioners? And whether doth he administer the Sacrament so often, that every Parishioner

Minister may receive three Times in the Year at least, of which, Easter is to be One?

1. Rubrick in the Communion Service, Can. 22.

2. Rubrick after the Communion Service, Can. 21. Constit. Simonis Sudbur. Archiep. Cant. Lynd. Concil. Agath. Can.

18. 3. Canon 112. Rubrick after the Communion.

Section 7.

Doth he use any other Prayer before Sermon in the Pulpit, than what is enjoined by the Canon? Does he also after his Sermon wholly forbear to use any Kind or Form of Prayer of his own Invention or Composure? And does he pronounce the Blessing wherewith the Church useth to dismiss the People? Doth he in Time of Divine Service, use due and lowly Reverence at the mention of the Blessed Name of J E S U S, instructing others to do the like, not as an Adoration of the bare Sound of the Word, but as an Acknowledgment that there is not in Heaven or Earth, any Name, by which we shall be saved, but that alone.

1. Canon 55. K. Edward's Injunctions, 2. Eliz. Injunctions 1559.

2. Rubrick at the End of the Communion Service.

3. Philip 3. 10. Can. 18. 2. Eliz. Injunction, 1559. Concil. Bitterense Anno 1351 Can. 1. Concil. Avenionense Anno 1326. Can. 4.

Section 8.

W H E T H E R doth he in his Parish Church or Chapel, read the Book of Canons, and Constitutions agreed on at the Synod holden at London, Anno 1603. upon some Sundays or Holy-days in the Afternoon, before Divine Service, dividing the same in such Sort, as that the one half may be read on one Day, and the other on another Day? Doth he read the whole 39 Articles unto the People twice every Year, so that they may the better under-

understand the same, and be made more thoroughly acquainted with the Doctrine of the Church of England, and not to be so easily drawn away from the same, before they know what it is?

1. *Ratification of the Canons at the End of them.*
2. *K. Charles II. his Direction to Preachers, 1662.*

Section 9.

W H E T H E R doth your Minister keep a Book, wherein he noteth and writeth down, the Names of all Persons excommunicated and suspended in your Church? And whether doth he every six Months, openly denounce in his Parish Church, every such Person of his Parish as doth persevere in that Censure of Excommunication, not seeking to be absolved, Can. 65.

Section 10.

W H E T H E R hath your Minister admitted any notorious Offenders, or Schismatics to the Communion, contrary to the meaning of the 26th and 27th Canon? Or doth he admit any to the Holy Communion that are not Confirmed, or that are not ready and willing so to be.

1. *Rubrick before the Communion Service. K. Edward's Injunction, 1547. Sparrow 10. Q. Eliz. Injunction. Sparrow 74. The Canon whereby our Church declareth her Mind particularly in this Matter, (i. e. who are meant by Notorious Offenders) is 109.*

2. *Rubrick after Confirmation. Constit. Johan. Peccham Archiepi. Epi. Cant. Lynd. Lib. 1. Tit. 6.*

Section 11.

W H E T H E R hath he married any Persons in the Time wherein Marriage is by Law restrained, without a lawful License, viz. from the Saturday next before Advent Sunday, until the 14th of January, and from the Sunday next before Septuagesima Sunday, until the Monday next after Low Sunday; and from the Sunday next before the Rogation Week until Trinity Sunday? Whether hath he married any, at any other Times, than between the Hours

of *Eight* and *Twelve*, or in any private House, or before their Parents and Governours (the Parties being under the Age of 21 Years) have testified their Consents.

1. *Extr. de Feriis Cap. Capellanus Lynd. L. 3. Tit. 16. p. 185. L. 4. Tit. 2. p. 274.*

2. *Can. 62. 3. Can. 62. 100.*

Section 12.

D O E S he read the *Litany* at his Church or Chapel, on *Wednesdays* and *Fridays* throughout the whole Year? Is he diligent in visiting of the Sick, and does he exhort them to be Charitable to the Poor, according to their Ability? Does he refuse or delay to baptize any *Infant* that is in danger of Death? If the Child be baptized in private, and doth afterwards recover, is it brought into the Church, and the Baptism of it there *Certified* to the Congregation? Is there any Child past his Infancy, or other Person of more Years, thro' your Minister's Fault, yet remaining unbaptized among you? And doth he in the Administration of that Sacrament, admit any *Parents* to be Godfathers or Godmothers to their own Children? Or any Persons to be Godfathers or Godmothers that have not received the Sacrament?

1. *Rubrick before the Litany. Can. 15.*

2. *Rubrick before the Visitation of the Sick. Lynd. p. 63.*

3. *Rubrick in the Visitation of the Sick.*

4. *Ministration of private Baptism, Can. 69.*

5. *Rubrick the second in private Baptism.*

6. *Can. 29. Concil. Moguntinum Anno 813. Can. 55.*

7. *Articles for Doctrine and Preaching, 7th of 2. Eliz. 1564. Sparrow. Liber Quorundam Canon. Anno 1571. Sparrow. p. 232. Can. 29.*

T I T. I.

Concerning Things appertaining to Churches.

Section 1.

I S your Church and Chancel decently and comely kept, as well within as without; and are the Seats well maintain'd, the

the Steeple and Bells preserved; the Windows well glazed; the Floor kept plain and even; and all Things in orderly and decent Sort without Dust or any Thing that may be either noisome or unseemly for the House of God, as is prescribed in an Homily to that Effect, and the 85. Canon?

Section 2.

W H E T H E R is your Church-yard well and sufficient-ly repaired, fenced and maintain'd with Walls, Rails or Pales? and if Part be to be maintain'd by any particular Persons, then you shall present how much, and what Part every such Person hath, or is to maintain or repair.

1. *Lynd. Lib. Tit. 27. Canon 58.*

Section 3.

H A V E you a decent Font set up at the lower Part of your Church for the Administration of the Sacrament of Baptism?

Can. 81. Lynd 3. Tit. 24. Lib. 3. Tit. 27.

Section 4.

H A V E you a convenient Pew, for your Minister to read Divine Service in? A Pulpit, with a decent Cloth and Cushion? A large Bible, and the Book of Common Prayer, both well and substantially bound? Have you likewise the Book of Homilies? A Book of Canons, and Constitutions Ecclesiastical? A printed Table of Degrees, wherein Marriage is forbidden?

1. *Rulrick before Morning Prayer, Can. 82. Can. 83. Can. 80. Lib. Can. Disipl. Eccles. Angl. 1571. Spar. 4. Can. 80. 5. Ratification of Canons at the End of them, Can. 99.*

Section 5.

H A V E you a decent Communion Table, for the Administration of the Sacrament of the L O R D's Supper? Are there two fair and large Coverings for it, one of Silk, Stuff or fine Cloth; another of fine Linnen; with a Plate or Paten, and a Cup or Chalice of Silver, and two fair Flag-gons of Pewter or purer Metal belonging to it?

1. *Can. 82.*
2. *Can. 82. Rubrick before the Communion. Articles for Doctrine and Preaching, 7th Eliz. Constit. de Archidiacon. Lynd. Constit. Provinc. Concil. Oxon, Steph. Cant. Archiepi. Lynd.*
3. *Constit. Provinc. Concil. Oxon. Steph. Cant. Archiepi. Lynd. Constit. Rich. Wethershed Cant. Archiep. Lynd. Concil. Triburiense Anno 895. Canon 18.*

Section 6.

HAVE you a large and decent Surplice (one or more) for your Minister to wear at all Times of his publick Ministration in the Church, with an Hood or Tippet to wear over it? Have you a Terrier of the Glebe-Lands, and other Possessions belonging to your Church? Have you a Book of Parchment, wherein to Register the Christnings, Marriages and Burials of your Parish? Another Book, wherein to Record the Licences of all strange Ministers, that are admitted at any Time to preach in your Church or Chapel? And a third Book, wherein to write down the Accounts of the Church-Wardens, and to keep an Inventory of all Things provided, and belonging to your Church? Have you a strong Chest, with Locks and Keys wherein to keep all those Books, and other Books, and other Furniture for Divine Services, in safe Custody? And lastly, have you a Box, wherein to put and keep Alms for the Poor, and a Bier, with a Black Horse-cloth, for the Burial of the Dead?

1. *Can. 58.*
2. *Lynd. de Officio Archidiacon.*
3. *Can. 58.*
4. *Can. 87.*
5. *Can. 70. K. Edward's Injunction.*
6. *Can. 52.*
7. *Can. 84.*
8. *K. Edward's Injunctions, 2. Eliz. Injunctions, 1559.*
9. *Lynd. Lib. 3. Tit. 27.*

Concerning Parishioners.

Section 1.

IS there any Person in your Parish, that lieth under a common Fame or Suspicion of Adultery, Fornication or Incest? Are there any common Drunkards within your Parish, or common Swearers, or Blasphemers of G^od's Name, or any that are noted to be Railers, unclean or filthy Talkers, or Sowers of Sedition, Faction or Discord amongst their Neighbours? You are to present all such; knowing that the Discharge of your Duty herein, is a Means to reform such Disorders in your Parish, and to prevent the Judgments of G^od from falling on the same.

1. Canon 109.
2. Church-Wardens are obliged to present the Offences committed against 1 Jac. 1. 9. and 4. Jac. 1. 5. according to the Alterations of this Act.
3. Stat. 37. Hen. VIII.

Section 2.

Do your Parishioners frequent the Church on Sundays and Holy-days? Do they behave themselves reverently in that holy Place? Do they devoutly kneel when the Confession, the Ten Commandments, and all Prayers and Collects are read? Do they stand up at the Creeds? And at the End of every Prayer, do they answer Amen? And lastly, do they use due and lowly Reverence, when they hear the Name of the Blessed J^{ES}U^S.

1. Canon 13. 90. Calendar prefixed to the Liturgy. Acts of Uniformity.

SUCH as repair not to Church, on Sundays and Holy-days, on the Evidence of one Witness, 1. Eliz. cap. 2. are

are to pay twelve Pence for every Default, absenting for a Month; A twelve Month or more, twenty Pounds per Month, or Forfeiture of two Parts in three of their Estates, 23. *Eliz.* cap. 1. 3. *Jac.* c. 4. Every Person is obliged to be present as well at Evening Prayers, as at Morning Prayers.

2. Can. 18. A Person may be indicted for using indecent and irreverent Behaviour in the Church, during Divine Service, Pasch. 75. Car. 2. 1 Keble 49.

3. Can. 18. Rubrick before the Confession.

4. Rubrick before the Commandments, Can. 18. Rubrick before the Collects.

5. Can. 18. Rubrick before the Creed.

6. Rubrick before the Lord's Prayer in Morning Prayer.

7. Can. 18. Phil. 2. 10. Injunct. 2. *Eliz.* 1559. Concil. Bitterense, Anno 1351. Can. 1. Concil. Avenionense 1326.

Can. 4.

Section 3.

W H E T H E R are there any Persons in your Parish, that do publicly sell, disperse or communicate to others any Superstitious, or Popish Books or Writings? Any Schismatical Libels, Treatises or Papers derogating from, or contrary to the Religion, State or Church Government of this Kingdom of England, the Laws and Canons of the same, the Ministry and Priesthood therein?

3. Canon 7. 23. of Hen. 8. 15. 14. of Ch. 2. 33. 13. of James 1. 5. 2. Elizabeth's Proclamation. Spar. 17.

Section 4.

A R E any Excommunicated Persons permitted to come within your Church, during the Time of Divine Service? Are there any in your Parish who keep familiar Society with them before they are reconciled to the Church, and absolved? Or have any Persons so dying, been buried with Christian Burial?

1. Capit. five Constit. Eccles. London 1597. Sparrow p. 252.

2. Lib. 8. Tit. 28. p. 266. Lynd. 33. Article of Religion, Concil. Antioch. An. 341. Can. 2. Concil. primum Tolet. Can. 15.

3. Clem.

3. Clem. L. 3. Tit. 7. de Sepulturis. Clem. 5. in Conc. Viennensi.

Section 5.

Is there any Person in your Parish of the Age of Sixteen Years, who does not receive the Sacrament Three Times in the Year at the least, of which *Easter* is always be one? Do any refuse to receive it meekly, kneeling upon their Knees? Or resort to other Parishes? Or do any Strangers come to your Parish Church to receive it?

1. Rubrick after the Communion. Constat. Sim. Sudbury, Arch. Ep. Cant. Lynd. Concil. Turonense Anno 813. Can. 50.

2. Can. 112. Rubrick after the Communion.

3. Rubrick before the Minister delivers the Bread. Can. 27.

4. Concil. Aurelianense primum Anno 511. Can. 25. Can. 28.

Section 6.

W H E T H E R do your Parishioners observe the Lord's Day in all Sobriety and Godly Conversation? Or are there any that do exercise their ordinary Vocation and Calling upon that Day, either by themselves or Servants? Or are there any that have profaned the same by playing at Cards, Dice, Tables, or any other foolish Delight or vain Pleasure?

Can. 13. 2. Eliz. Injunction, 1559. Sparrow 73. Concil. Clovesbo. 747. Can. 14. Concil. Aug. Tom. 1. 249. Saxon Canons c. 24. Concil. Rhemense secundum 213. Can. 35. Concil. Aurelianense tertium An. 538. Can. 28.

Section 7.

W H E T H E R are there any Persons within your Parish that neglect or refuse to send their Children or Servants to be Catechised by your Minister on Sundays and Holy-days?

Can. 59. Rubrick after the Church Catechism.

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HAVE you any in your Parish that refuse to contribute to, and pay the Rent assessed upon them for the Repair of the Church or Chapel, or the providing any Books, Utensils, or necessary Ornaments to the same belonging.

Can. 91. Can. 85.

TIT. IV.

Concerning Church Officers.

Section 1.

WHETHER are your Church-Wardens chosen yearly, on some Day in *Easter Week*? And whether do the Church Wardens at the End of the Year, or within one Month after, give a just and true Accompt (before the Minister and Parishioners) of such Money as they have received and disbursed?

Can. 89.

Section 2.

WHETHER is the Forfeiture of 12 d. per Sunday duly levied upon such as come not to their Parish Church? And whether do the Church-Wardens employ it to the Use of the Poor, as the Statute in that Case directs.

1 Eliz. Cap. 2.

Section 3.

HAVE you a Parish Clerk aged twenty one Years at the least? Is he a Person of Sober and Godly Life and Conversation, and sufficient and able to perform his Duty in Reading, Writing, and Singing? Is he chosen by your Minister, and doth he duly attend him in all Divine Services at the Church?

Can. 91.

Section 4.

Section 4.

Is your Clerk or Sexton diligent in keeping clean the Church, Ringing the Bells in due Time, and tolling a passing-Bell when any Persons are departing, to the Intent that they who are within hearing of it may be moved in their private Devotions to recommend the State of the departing Soul into the Hands of their Redeemer?

1 Can. 67.

2 Articles for Doctrine and Preaching, Anno 1564. Sparrow.

Section 5.

Whether hath your Parish-Clerk made Proclamation in your Church, touching any Goods strayed away or wanting, or of any Court Leet, or Court Baron to be held, or of common Days-Works to be made, or touching any other Thing, which is not meerly Ecclesiastical, or a Church Business?

Rubrick before the Offertory in the Communion Service.

TIT. V.

Concerning School-Masters, Midwives, Chirurgeons, Physicians.

Section 1.

WHAT School-Masters have you in your Parish? Are they *Licensed* by the Bishop? What are their Names? Are they Persons of sober Life and Conversation? Do they teach their Scholars the Church Catechism? And do they duly and regularly bring them to Church on Sundays and Holy-days? Do they examine them after they return what they have learned of the Sermon? Whether do they teach them at other times such Sentences of Holy Scripture as may induce them to all Godliness?

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1. Can. 77. By the 3 Jac. ch. 4. it is provided, That he that shall keep in his House a School-Master not allowed by the Bishop, forfeits Ten Pounds, and the School-Master is disabled to teach for ever afterwards, and is to be imprisoned a Year without Bail, 23. Eliz. 1.

2. Can. 79. 3. Can. 79. 2. Eliz. Injunctions.

Section 2.

Do any in your parish practise Physick without Lawful Licence of their Ordinary? Are they Persons of sober Life and Conversation? Do they diligently exhort their Patients when in danger of Death, to send for the Minister of the Parish, in order to consult him for the Eternal Welfare and Happiness of their Souls?

1. 3. Henry 8. 11.

2. Concil. Parisiense An. 1429. Can. 29. Decretal. Gregor. 9. L. 5. de pœnit. & remiss. Tit. 38. Cap. 13. cum Infirmitas.

Section 3.

ARE there any in your Parish that practise Chirurgery, or any Women the Office of a Midwife, without Approbation and lawful Licence of the Ordinary?

3. Henry 8. 11.

Section 4.

HAVE you any Church Stock? In whose Hands is it? To what Uses was it given? Is it employed to the same Uses? If not, in whom is the Fault?

If you have any thing else of Ecclesiastical Cognizance, and fit to be reformed by Ecclesiastical Censure, tho' it be not particularly expressed in these Articles, yet you shall likewise present the same by Virtue of your Office.

Directions to the Clergy.

YOU are desired by your ordinary to read these Articles to your Church-Wardens, and direct them how to discharge

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discharge a good Conscience, by making a particular, sincere and sufficient Answer to each Article, and join your selves with them in the Presentments, as by consequence from the Canon you are obliged to do, if need be, (and certainly there never was more need) when you cannot otherwise root out Sin and Impiety.

Can. 113.

Advertisement to the Church-Wardens.

YOU ought seriously to consider, that the faithful discharge of your Offices, according to your Oaths and Duties, is a special Means to repress, punish, and reform Sins, Scandals, and Disorders in your Parish, as also to preserve the Honour of Religion, and the Peace of the Church, to the Glory of our God and Saviour, [which are the great Uses and Ends of all Church Government and Discipline] and on the contrary, if you neglect your Duties herein, you sin against God, your Consciences, and the Churches Prosperity, being liable in the Case of wilful Omission and Perjury to those Punishments which are by Law to be inflicted on you for your Defaults.

Can. 118.

The Form of drawing the Bill of Presentment.

THE Church-Wardens Presentment is to be made according to this following Form, or as near unto it as conveniently may be, and to be given up in a Sheet of Paper.

At the Arch-Deacon of *Durham's* Visitation held at the day of *Anno 1711*

We the Church-Wardens of have diligently perused all the Particulars contained in the first Head of our Book of ARTICLES, and we present

otherwise we have nothing to present concerning that Head.

Also we have perused the second, and so all the rest.

And under all let every Church-Warden write or subscribe his own Hand or Mark to the Presentment, and so deliver it, for it will be required of them to give an Answer thus particularly unto every Head of these ARTICLES.

The Church-Wardens must at the end of the said Bill of Presentment set down the number of all Recusants, Non-Communicants, and Communicants as followeth,

Recusants Men _____

Recusants Women _____

Non-Communicants of both Sexes _____

Communicants of both Sexes in the whole Parish _____

A Branch of the Statute made in the first Year of Queen Elizabeth, Entituled An Act for the Uniformity of Common-Prayer and Service in the Church.

ALL His Majesty's Subjects shall diligently and faithfully, having no lawfull or reasonable Excuse to be absent, endeavour himself to resort to their Parish-Church or Chapel accustomed, or upon reasonable lett thereof, to some usual Place where Common-Prayer and such Service of God shall be used in such times of lett upon every Sunday and other Days ordained and used to be kept as Holy Days, and then and there to abide orderly and soberly during the time of the Common-Prayer, Preaching, or other Service of God there to be used and ministred, upon pain of Punishment by the Censures of the Church; and also upon pain that every Person so offending shall forfeit for every such Offence 12 d. to be levied by the Church-Wardens of the Parish where such Offence shall be done, to the Use of the Poor of the same Parish, of the Goods, Lands, and Tenements of such Offenders, by way of Distress. And for the due Execution thereof, the King's most Excellent Majesty, the Lords Temporal, and all the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, do in God's Name earnestly require and charge all the

the Arch-Bishops, Bishops, and other Ordinaries, that they shall endeavour themselves, to the uttermost of their Knowledges, that the due and true Execution hereof may be had throughout their Dioceses and Charges, as they will answer before God for such Evils and Plagues wherewith Almighty God may justly punish his People for neglecting this good and wholiome Law.

Church-Wardens Oath.

YOU shall swear to Enquire with your best diligence, and to make a true Answer unto every ARTICLE in this BOOK, now given you in Charge, and to present every Person, that now is, or of late was, inhabiting within your Parish, that hath done any offence, or omitted any duty therein mentioned; and this you shall do, as in the sight of God, uprightly and truly, without Favour or Malice, hope of Reward, or fear of Displeasure. So help you God, and the holy Contents of this BOOK.

N. Levit. 9. 12. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely. Isaiah 65. 16. He that sweareth upon Earth, sweareth by the God of truth. Mal. 3. 5. I will be a swift witness against false Swearers. Zech. 5. 4. A curse shall enter into the House of him that sweareth falsely. 1. Tim. 1. 10. The Law is for Liars and perjured Persons.

Forasmuch as by sad Experience it is found, that the Rights and Revenues of the Clergy, are much lessened and diminished, by the Intervention of many unjust Customs, and pretended Compositions that have crept in unawares, by the Negligence, Inadvertency, or Easiness of their Predecessors, and that there are very few Tertiers of their Glebe Lands and Tythes exhibited into the Arch-deacons Registry, as the Law Requires, which may prove a matter of fatal Consequence to the Church, if not timely prevented: I do therefore require and admonish, that the Rectors, Vicars, and Church-Wardens of each Parish (within my Jurisdiction) do meet to make Terriers, according to the following Directions, and to deliver them so made, at my next Visitation.

1. YOU are to expresse what Houses belong to your Minister, how many Bays of Building, what Out-houses, Barns,

or Stables, what Orchards and Gardens, and the Quantities thereof.

2. **WHAT** Glebe Lands do you know, or have credibly heard to belong to your Rectory, or Vicarage? by what Names are they or any of them commonly called and known? And what yearly Rent have you known or heard to have been paid unto the Parson or Vicar, for every or any of the said Parcels? Whether are they Arable, Meadow, or Pasture, whether have any been changed, and for what?

3. **How** much does each Parcel contain by Measure? How is each Parcel bounded on every Part? And who is to repair the Fences on each side thereof?

4. **WHAT** Cartway, Horseway, Footway, Gates, or Styles, do lead from your Parsonage or Vicarage House unto every of the said Parcels of Glebe Lands?

5. **WHAT** Lands or Estates are Tythe-free, and upon what account as you have heard? What Prescriptions are there in your Parish? And what is paid thereupon in lieu of Tythes?

6. **WHAT** are the Customs of your Parish for Tythes, for Mortuaries, Oblations, Obventions, Herbage, Milk, Calves, Lamb, Wool, and the like? What right of Common is due to your Minister?

7. **WHAT** Tythes belong to your Impropiator? What to the Vicar? What Portions of Tythes are due to, or from the Church?

8. **WHAT** Augmentations have been added to your Church? How are they continued, and by whom paid, according to the Act of Parliament 29. Car. II. for the Confirming and Perpetuating Augmentations made by Ecclesiastical Persons to small Vicarages and Curacies.

A Terrier thus made, one Copy is to be laid in the Parish Church, and the other in the Archdeacons Registry, there to remain for perpetual Memory, and the Ministers are required to take care that it be very exact, and delivered in attested by themselves and the Church-Wardens.